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### Santa Ana to host Fiestas Patrias de Independencia

Nearly a quarter of a million people are expected to converge on downtown Santa Ana the weekend of Sept. 13 for the annual Fiestas Patrias de Independencia. The fiesta, marking the independence of six Latin American countries, will feature a bike race, music, food booth and a carnival all topped off by a parade on Sunday, Sept. 15.

The annual Golden City Grand Prix bicycle race will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. The one mile course begins on Ross Street next to Santa Ana City Hall. City streets around the Civic Center plaza will be closed for the event.

Highlighting the three-day event is a parade down Main Street on Sunday, Sept. 15. Beginning at 1 p.m., the parade features marching bands, clowns and equestrian events. Main Street will be closed beginning at 12 noon for this event.

Fiestas Patrias de Independencia is sponsored by the City of Santa Ana, KMEX Radio, Coca Cola, Pacific Bell, El Torito and Viva Mart.

### Program Offers Assistance to Disadvantaged Students

One of the many programs available to assist students at RSC in reaching their educational goals is Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS). This state-funded program was created to provide special support to disadvantaged students seeking a degree or vocational certificate for employment.

EOPS director Nellie Kaniski said, "The EOPS motto is 'over, above, and in addition' to. I would also like to emphasize that our staff works strictly on a one on one basis with students."

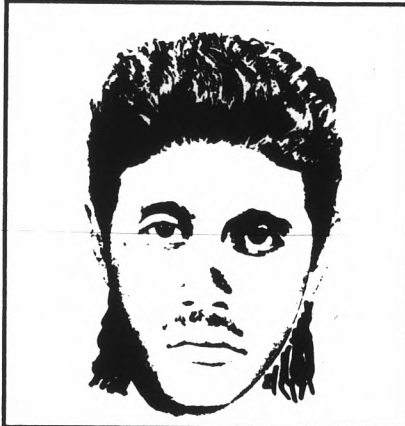
Kaniski said EOPS is dedicated to helping students overcome such things as educational, financial and language barriers. Help is also available for single parents and parents with children under six years of age receiving Aid For Dependent Children.

EOPS works in conjunction with Corporate Agencies Resources for Education (CARE), New Horizons and the Human Development Departments.

For more information on these programs contact CARE Coordinator Beverly Peterson at 564-6232.

## Attempted rape shocks Santa Ana Campus

**CAMPUS:** Three men remain at large after nearly raping an RSC coed during fall registration



Police composite of rape suspect

By Doreen Clark  
el Don Staff Writer

**SANTA ANA CAMPUS** - Three unidentified men attempted to rape a female student in a women's bathroom of Russell Hall at about 3 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 8, after she had registered for classes here.

According to RSC security the victim was grabbed from behind by one man and physically assaulted by another, while the third assailant stood watch outside the bathroom.

Startled by the victim's scream, the men fled. She did not suffer any serious physical injuries. Ac-

cording to one security source, the victim did not immediately report the crime but instead "somehow managed to pull herself together and go home."

Campus security was not notified of the attempted rape until Friday Aug. 9. Security officials immediately alerted the Santa Ana Police Department. The victim then received medical and psychological aid.

J.R. Johnson, RSC's director of district security and safety said, "There is no record of a similar incident occurring on any RSC campus in the past, but other local colleges have experienced such

offenses."

A number of women expressed concern regarding the attempted rape. Susanne Westphal, a secretary in the Fine Arts office said, "I'm glad that they're beefing-up security and making plans for additional safety."

One RSC nursing student, wasn't aware that the assault had occurred. When informed she said, "That's scary."

Another student, herself a past rape victim said, "I feel terribly sorry for the girl it happened to. I know what she must be feeling

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### A crowded lot...



Claudia Saucedo el Don photo

**PARKING PROBLEMS** - State budget cuts sent would-be university students on a quest for education at community colleges statewide and furthering the frustration of parking and class availability.

## Budget cuts squeeze wallets, classes

By Lisa Krumes  
el Don staff writer

**Santa Ana** - Budget cuts, class overcrowding and higher tuition in the Cal State system are sending hordes of university students scurrying for refuge on the already overburdened community college campuses.

Despite Cal State Fullerton's

effort to cope with the State's financial crisis the college has found itself being forced to raise tuition while cutting back on both faculty and classes.

Fullerton is leaving 132 faculty positions unfilled along with 35 administrative and support jobs. An estimated 200 part-time contract lecturers may not return.

This reduction in faculty trans-

lates to 200 fewer classes being offered at Fullerton this semester, about 5 percent fewer than last fall, resulting in a transition to larger lecture-style classes.

Tina Saddler, a frustrated student at Cal State Fullerton said, "All the students are mad at the governor. Why are we

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## Serial killings become focus for campus safety

By Amy Reynolds  
Special to the el Don

**GAINESVILLE, Fla. (CPS)** - The 34th Street graffiti wall is an ever-changing kaleidoscope of colors and words - permanence is unheard of. At least, it was.

Two weeks after a killer murdered five college students, an anonymous artist painted the victims' names on a section of the wall - white letters on black. A red heart was drawn underneath. "We love you" and "We miss you," spray-painted in yellow, has been the only addition to the memorial since then.

The tribute to Sonja Larson, 18; Christina Powell, 17; Christa Hoyt, 18; Tracey Inez Paules, 23; and Manuel Taboada, 23, remains today. Four were University of Florida students. One attended Santa Fe Community College.

On Aug. 26, 1990, police in Gainesville found the first body in a string of mutilation murders that stunned the nation. The University of Florida and the Gainesville community are prepared to remember the victims and to promote increased campus safety at home and across the nation.

"Most police experts tell us the biggest problem is getting students

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## College Wire

### More Students Stressed Out, Survey Shows

(CPS) - Significantly larger numbers of college students are seeking counseling for depression, stress eating disorders and substance abuse at a time when schools are cutting back mental health services, says a University of Florida psychologist.

Eighty-five percent of directors of college counseling centers throughout the nation reported an increase in serious psychological problems among college students in the past 10 years, said James Archer, who has written a new book called "Counseling College Students."

"It's a significant increase, and it's been steady," said Archer, director of the counseling center at the University of Florida.

The type of disorders treated at the centers ranged from counseling for depression, stress, alcohol and drug addiction to problems stemming from physical, mental and sexual abuse. College students also are susceptible to loneliness, feelings of alienation and pressures to get good grades and jobs.

"It's not as easy as 10 to 15 years ago to get a job with a college degree," he said. Being away from home, students also may discover for the first time that they have difficulties relating to their peers or professors because they come from abusive families.

Archer said it was difficult to tell whether the disorders are actually increasing or whether students are more willing to seek counseling because such problems are more openly discussed. The result is the same: More students are turning to counseling centers for help.

Unfortunately, most colleges are cutting health services, including counseling, for lack of funding. In tight budget years, "services to students are cut at a greater rate than academic programs. Counseling and mental treatment centers get cut to a greater degree," Archer said.

That was why Archer said he decided to write the counseling book, which focuses on ways that college faculty and staff can help pinpoint troubled students and talk with them or refer the ones with serious problems to professional counselors.

The idea is early detection to prevent despondent students from turning to suicide, alcoholism or drug addiction, Archer said.

### Personal Computers A Must at Dartmouth

HANOVER, N.H. (CPS) - As if lugging stereos and TVs back and forth to school isn't enough trouble, Dartmouth College freshmen now have to pack up their personal computers and bring them with them, too.

Dartmouth, the first Ivy League school to adopt this rule, will require incoming fall freshmen to bring their Apples and Macs to school or to purchase a system at the school's computer center.

School officials say Dartmouth wants to offer all students equal access to sophisticated computer equipment. Freshmen are sent information packages on how to purchase a computer from the school's computer center.

"It's really a de facto requirement," says Dean Al Quirk, dean of admissions and financial aid at Dartmouth. "It would be hard to find a student that didn't already have one."

"About 80 percent of our students have been purchasing systems. Our rooms are hard-wired. Students can access the library or communicate with each other by networking. The micro-revolution has changed education."

Quirk also forecasts that all campuses will require computer ownership as an admission requirement in the future. According to the MTV-College Track Report, one quarter of all college students currently have personal computers. Students who require financial aid at Dartmouth will be eligible to receive further assistance to purchase a computer.

"We were one of the institutions that took advantage of the Apple consortium, so it's really the computer of choice," Quirk says. "you know computer instruction will never replace the hard work of learning, but in 10 years, we'll be teaching in an entirely different way."

### Financial Crunch Hits Schools Hard

WASHINGTON (CPS) - Nearly half of the nation's college and universities suffered from mid-year budget cuts, according to a recent survey by the American Council on Education.

Many colleges and universities also can expect further deterioration in their financial circumstances.

"Colleges are facing, right now, more serious financial problems than I've seen in a decade," says Elaine El-Khawas, vice president for political analysis and research. "This is a fiscal problem, not a student demand problem. It's because of the fiscal problems in 30 states. Institutions will face hard choices concerning cutting back academic programs."

The report, released Aug. 4, showed 45 percent of all universities and colleges experienced mid-year cuts in their 1990-91 operating budgets. Sixty percent of the institutions reported they were substantially affected.

While academic programs are threatened, El-Khawas says, privatization, closing or merging of schools while possible, is unlikely.

## Campus

# Q&A

## New student leader looks toward future

*Someone might ask how a student becomes an ASB president? For Chris Sandoval, it all began at registration when he asked "What the ASB dollar went for?"*

*The answer sparked his interest in student government and he decided to run for office. But because he was not a Santa Ana campus student, he was prevented from running for an executive position. He opted for a senators post with the idea of eventually re-vamping the ASB constitution.*

*Last spring he was elected as ASB president and more recently was appointed student trustee for the state of California community colleges.*

*Q How long have you been involved with student government, including any positions held prior to college?*

*A "I was the first 5th grade representative when we started student government back in elementary school. In high school, at Mater Dei, I was a student section representative. I've been with ASB since last year."*

*Q What is your history with ASB?*

*A "I was senator and the commissioner of rules and justice during '90-'91 year. I was a senator who was elected the commissioner of rules and justice."*

*Q What made you decide to run for ASB president?*

*A "Because of the things I got started (as a senator) that I wanted to see go through. Because of class conflicts, there was a big fall-off of senators from last year. There really was no one else who could follow through."*

*Q What project have you started and completed as an ASB member of which you are the most proud?*



ASB President Chris Sandoval

*A "It's got to be the constitution. It goes to its first reading Monday where it's checked for corrections, typographical errors, and if there are any questions concerning its revisions and reorganization."*

*Q Describe a typical day for you as president.*

*A "Students will come up to me saying, 'Hey, aren't you the ASB president?' then they'll start telling me about things that need to be changed, or they'll ask me about how to fix something. There may be a little something the students have a suggestion about that may solve a problem that is part of something bigger, something student affairs is confronting."*

*Q What do you like the most about being president?*

*A "The opportunity to meet people. And I care. I can't help it. Somebody has to watch out for the students, not that they can't do it for themselves, they're just too busy."*

*Q The least?*

*A "Trying to find the process to solve a problem or get things done. I don't necessarily see things as problems. A problem to me is like something that has a solution. It's trying to find the process to solve the problem that's frustrating."*

*Q If you could change any one thing about the student government, what would it be?*

*A "Getting information out, not only internally in the student government, but also to the students. And even if you do get the information out to the students, what process do we have of getting that information back? If there's something that we could change in student government to make that process work better, I would like to see that happen."*

*Q What kind of improvements would you like to see made this semester at RSC?*

*A "I would like to see more of the student services that we have here go out to the different campuses. That's been real difficult for us. In the constitution, there's an opportunity for me to appoint different commissioners from the campuses. And what I am going to do is go out to the different campuses to see if they're interested in getting a committee together."*

*Q What are your future plans with student government this semester?*

*A "Other than our scheduled events, we're trying to raise more money to bring more speakers on campus. We've got to get more things out to the other campuses. There's very little money for entertainment."*

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## RAPE: Students express concern

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right now."

Johnson said, "We all might learn from this incident. Students, especially females, need to be aware to decrease the potential of this happening."

"The (campus) administration has always taken a proactive stance regarding campus security. Measures approved prior to the incident, such as the additional officers for the Centennial and Orange campuses, the student patrols, and the security escort service to walk students to their cars are all in effect now," said Johnson.

Other security measures are planned in the near future. They

include: solar operated emergency phones located throughout the campus and parking lots, audible alarms, an observation tower in the main parking lot and closed-circuit television to assist in monitoring sites.

One of the suspects is described as a Hispanic male, between 20 and 25 years old, about 5 feet 8 inches tall and 150 pounds. He has brown eyes, black hair, long in the back, with a mustache. At the time of the assault he was wearing green shorts and a white t-shirt.

If you have information regarding this case contact the district safety office at 564-6333 or the Santa Ana Police Department at 647-5166.

There are services which RSC provides to protect students from threatening situations. Among these services are security and student escorts from the security office to your car. For additional information contact 564-6330.

### PERSONAL:

Maintain safe walking distances from bushes, parked cars, alleys etc.

Look for suspicious people when leaving a mall, parked cars, building, etc.

Recognize that alcohol can cloud judgment.

Have a plan of action in case of

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a threatening situation.

Utilize campus escort and other safety services.

### CAR/HOME:

Always have keys in hand as you approach your car or apartment.

Park/reside in well-lighted areas.

Lock car and apartment doors at all times.

Make sure sliding glass doors have a secondary lock.

Remember that chain locks are not considered security devices.

Request solid-core exterior doors in apartments.

Ask for locks to be changed or

re-keyed when moving in.

Use only your first initial in phone book and on mailbox.

Practice the Buddy System - alert friends of whereabouts.

### CONTACT:

Rape Crisis

Hotline.....831-9110

Victim-Witness

Assistance Hotline....957-1293

Alcoholism and

Drug Abuse .....834-2011

Victims of Crime Resource

Center.....1-800-842-8467

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to take the precautions that most of us practice routinely," said Dr. John V. Lombardi, president of the University of Florida.

To help remind students, Lombardi sent a letter to the 34,000 who attended the university. It tells them of additional security measures on campus and asks them to call home often.

The parents aren't the only ones worrying. Last year students flocked to stores to buy locks, guns and mace. Fear was so widespread that thousands of students went home for a week. Some didn't return.

Many still suffer anxiety caused by the murders.

JoAnne Kaul is a senior who lived with her boyfriend in an apartment near where the first two bodies were found last year.

Now, Kaul said she has three locks on her apartment's front door and three locks on her bedroom door. She adds, "I will never live in a bottom floor apartment."

Kelly Burlingame, a junior transfer student, is moving into the Williamsburg Apartments where Powell and Larson were killed.

"I'm starting to be more cautious now," said Burlingame, who will live with her sister and her sister's boyfriend. "I'm just going to try to make sure that my doors are always locked and that I'm not alone."

Tensions eased after the arrests of two suspects in the slayings.

Then, two female University of Florida students were found strangled to death in their off-campus apartment in June. A carpet cleaner has been charged in connection with their deaths.

"It's a complete...BOOM! feeling," said Lt. Sadie Darnell, Gainesville police spokeswoman.

"There are no guarantees that we're not going to have more student victims, but we can make a concerted effort. There will be some people who will say, 'That happened in Gainesville, Florida. It won't happen here.' That's ignorant," she said. "All you can do

is try to learn from it."

The rape and murder of Lehigh University sophomore Jeanne Ann Clery, 19, in her dorm room in 1986 sparked the formation of an organization in Philadelphia that fought for increased campus safety nationwide.

"Over the past three or four years there's been increasing pressure from parents and legislatures to make people aware that crimes do occur on college campuses," said David Stormer, former president of the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

"There were other movements prior (Gainesville), but (those numbers definitely have had an impact," he said.

Stormer, the assistant vice president of safety and environmental services at Pennsylvania State University, said his university has tried to increase the visibility of services such as escort services, more emergency telephones and transit availability to help ensure safety.

At the University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind., crime on campus has dropped by half since 1988 because of stepped-up security.

Richard Nicholas, dean of students, said the school's focus is prevention. Evansville has a 24-hour security switchboard in place, security phones in every building and foot patrols by officers and students to protect its student population of 3,000. Dormitory residential areas are locked at all times, he said.

St. Mary's and Evansville are small schools, and many would say that their crime rates are lower than their larger counterparts like Penn State.

While that might be true, the assumption that smaller is always safer is not accurate, according to one expert.

"Campuses are very different in their situations," said Hank Toutain, dean of students at Gustavus-Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minn. "Some are in urban areas, some in rural areas and some in places where a lot of people have access to the campus."

Since the Florida killings, a 55-

member special police task force staffed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement the Alachua County sheriff's department, Gainesville police and the FBI has been working to solve the killings.

Police say their main suspect is Danny Harold Rolling, 37, of Shreveport, La. Rolling is in jail following an indictment for robbing a supermarket in nearby Ocala, Fla. That robbery placed him in the area at the time of the killings.

Rolling also faces burglary charges in Tampa, where he led sheriff's deputies on a chase that ended in a shootout, said John Joyce, FDLE spokesman.

Joyce said the car that Rolling drove was reportedly stolen from Gainesville two days after police found the bodies. Rolling is also a suspect in three murders in Shreveport

and faces possible attempted murder charges for assaulting his father.

Rolling was named prime suspect after genetic evidence linked him to the crime scenes, police said.

But the investigation continues. "We're still working on leads," Joyce said. "We had so many generated that we want to examine anything that might bear fruit."

Authorities are mum about the case beyond that.

"The prosecutor is being very careful because of the notoriety of the case," said Lombardi. "The best that any of us know is that the police are very confident they have suspects who can be convicted." State attorney Len Register plans to present his evidence to a grand jury in late September or early

October. Register is seeking indictments against both men.

The anniversary of the murders coincide with the first day of classes. The week before, white ribbons were distributed by Gainesville police and tied to cars, trees and telephone poles.

At noon on the 26th, the city's churches and the city and university bell towers were scheduled to chime in remembrance.

"The anniversary of this tragedy is almost harder for me," Darnell said. "This time I've had the privilege of meeting the families and seeing what these five people were like before. They had such bright futures...The families are grateful that this community is not forgetting their children."

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## STAFF EDITORIALS

### Let's remember what we learned in kindergarten

In our busy, hurry-up lives, we may have forgotten the essential elements of living that Robert Fulghum reminds us about in his essay, "All I ever really need to know, I learned in kindergarten."

If we all take time to ponder these few bits of basic advice, maybe we can help in the prevention of future crimes. Play fair. Don't take things that aren't yours. Don't hit people. Say sorry when you hurt somebody. Observe the Golden Rule, the meaning of love, and the idea of living a balanced life. When you go out into the world hold hands and stick together.

During registration an attempted rape took place on the Santa Ana campus. Violent invasions of privacy and personal property are more prevalent on college campuses than ever before.

Studies show that as populations become denser, violent crimes increase. According to Farmer's Almanac, not one drive-by shooting occurred in Los Angeles between 1980 and 1982. They are now almost a daily occurrence. This alone is a good indication of how drastically our region has changed over the last decade.

There is no reason to believe that this was an isolated incident and our worries are over. Our campus security is good but we must not rely on them completely. We must practice prevention techniques on campus, as well as off.

"And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together."

--el Don

### Keating, Bush mistaken on role of government

Charles Keating, the ousted savings and loan executive whose long-awaited trial began this week, and President George Bush have similar views on the role of government.

Both believe that government should have only a small role in regulating business but should have a leading role in regulating our private lives.

Keating flourished under the permissiveness of deregulation. He still blames the collapse of Lincoln Savings and its parent, American Continental, on the regulators who tried to salvage Lincoln, rather than his own lavish expenditures of depositors' and investors' money.

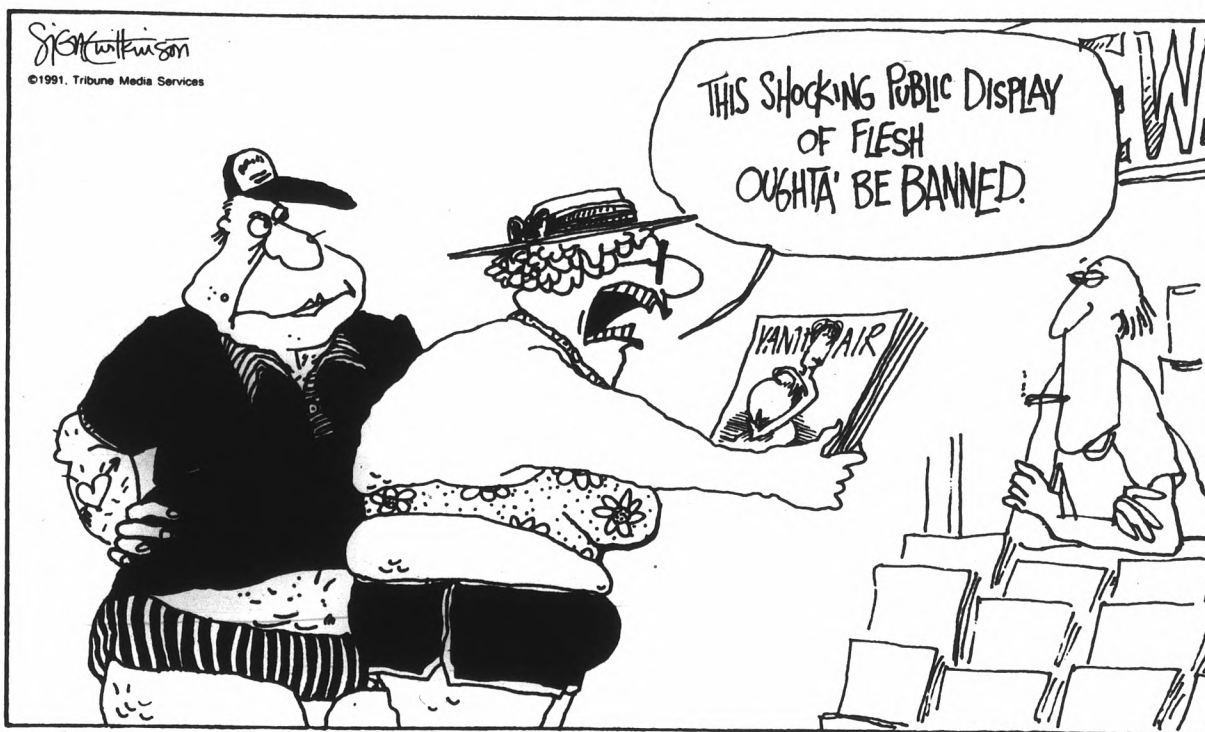
One of Keating's pet projects was a crusade against pornography. In 1957 he founded Citizens for Decent Literature, and for 30 years he spearheaded the organization (which later changed its name to Citizens for Decency through Law). The purpose of the organization was to persuade local law-enforcement officials to prosecute pornography cases.

Not content to spend his own time and money (and funds raised through CDL's direct main campaigns) in his campaign to save us from dirty pictures, Keating also got Lincoln involved. Lincoln tried to get the courts to close the Mitchell Brothers theater near the RSC campus.

Bush, too, does not look kindly on government regulation of business but favors government intervention in the moral lives of private citizens. Bush's support of the campaign to take abortion decision out of private hands and his continuing "war" on drugs are examples of the latter tendency.

We, like Calvin Coolidge's preacher, are against sin. But we also believe that government has its priorities—indeed, its philosophy—wrong when it insists on interfering in our personal lives while leaving Big Business and petty con artists free to exploit us.

--el Don



### Soviet Union: who's on first?

By Paul D. Hughes  
el Don Staff Writer

What if they gave a communist party and no one came? In the Soviet Union the party has been virtually eliminated as a viable entity. For that matter, for all practical purposes there is no such thing as the Soviet Union anymore... just a dozen or so independent republics. The Soviet Union has more tears in it than a \$30 suit. If the current map of that place gets any more holes, it'll be invisible—Rand McNally is going to need a lot of white-out.

Many questions come to mind, none of which can be answered until we find out just what the heck is going on over there.

Questions? What questions? How about this one: Who is in charge over there?

Time magazine's Man of the Decade, Mikhail Gorbachev, who used to be one of the most powerful men in the world, is becoming eminently forgettable, despite US President George Bush's valiant efforts at preserving not only his position, but also as much of the man's prestige as he can.

Boris Yeltsin is the president of Russia; not the Soviet Union but its largest republic.

Now Yeltsin has a bit of support when it comes to claiming stewardship of the country.

Try, just for starters, that he is the popularly elected representative of about thirty-million Russians. Nobody voted for Mikhail.

How about this: For good or ill, Yeltsin is seen by the world and, more importantly, his fellow Russians, as the man who stood against the coup. It can be argued that there wasn't much to stand-up to considering the combined intelligence of the plotters. (Karl Marx may have had a lot to do with the advent of the USSR. The coup, however, could have been planned by the Marx Brothers.) But the fact remains: George Washington's got nothing on Boris Yeltsin.

And what about the missiles?

The ICBMs did not disappear when the lines between the republics reappeared. The SS-20s are not going to just vanish like in the



bad old days of questionable Soviet arms treaty compliance. It was enough of a problem when 20,000 warheads were commanded from a central location. What do we do now that the mayor of Sebastopol could conceivably progress through the political ranks and come into the possession of his own nuclear arsenal?

Consider the advisability of dispensing VISA cards to a gaggle of teenagers and setting them loose in South Coast Plaza. Then pretend that you are responsible for ALL of the bills. Now you are getting some idea of what nuclear proliferation really means.

One final note for our mutual consideration: if either of these, or any of the three zillion other questions that we have about the situation in Yeltsinland ever get answered, what will it matter?

We can't do a darn thing about any of the results anyway. And even if we could, we probably wouldn't.



We can foresee, perhaps, the fact that most of the republics will have to forego a little of their long-awaited independence in favor of at least a loose economic union. Security arrangements will most likely be included in any treaty as well, since many of the new republics border such hallmarks of international decency as Communist China, Iran, Romania...

And if all that isn't enough, who is going to pay for all this? (I'm sounding more and more like my dad every day.) Now that the Daddy Warbucks of the international communist movement is reduced to panhandling on the world market just to keep himself in cigars and spats, what is Cuba going to do? And North Korea? And Vietnam? I told you there were questions. I never promised answers.

Maybe we should just flip on the tube and catch the last half of the Simpsons. Just stay away from CNN...

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## COLUMN

## The World according to Audre

By Audre Soifer  
el Don Staff Writer

## It's back to school time

Monday, September 2, brought to an end a summer filled with weather surprises. At best, Orange County's summer was a mix of cool weather, spattered with a sprinkling of rain and lots of clouds.

One rite of September that is never full of surprises by any means is the activities around the malls. Parents were getting the children ready for school.

You could see signs of that once-a-year happening in every mall across the county. There were children of all ages walking or dancing down the ramps in major department stores for the annual back to school fashion show.

The hard earned dollars and worn out plastic cards of the thirty-something and above crowd were once again tossed onto counters. Sacks of expensive merchandise were gently placed into the trunk of the old family auto. Jordache, Nike, Guess, Esprit—all the name brand clothes were being taken to new owners with the promise they would be treated with respect.

During the weeks before this past holiday weekend, school districts were revving up their engines to get ready for the onslaught of parents, children, teachers and administrators.

Everyone was promising to do a better job this year. Children were giving the age-old promise to parents that they would study harder. Parents were dedicating themselves to getting more involved this year with the school and extracurricular activities of all their kids.

Administrators and teachers were vowing to get the information into the heads of their students as well as being dedicated to doing the job they had to do in spite of all the obstacles put in their way. These obstacles are many and wide reaching.

They include classes that are too large to effectively teach; not enough up-to-date equipment to do their job efficiently and cutbacks in the teaching staff itself.

It's going to be a hard year for all involved, but we must persevere. We can't give up the battle in helping everyone to do their best. We all have to care one hundred and ten percent and give that much energy to all we do each day.

There must be a more creative way to get the teaching done with the least amount of aggravation.

Maybe one of us can find the solution.

Give it a try.



## High school dress codes threaten everybody's freedom

By William Stewart Thomblison  
el Don Editorial & Opinion Editor

Ironically, while we celebrate a new birth of freedom in eastern Europe, we also face a resurgence of tyranny in our own country. There are officials, from the highest levels of the White House to the local school boards, who would have us forgo freedoms won through decades of struggle.

A generation or so ago, many students won the right to dress as they please at public schools—subject only to the acquiescence of each student's parents or guardians.

Recently, however, at least six Orange County school boards have authorized school administrators to write and enforce dress codes or—even worse—to decide on a day-by-day and case-by-case basis whether a student may wear a particular item of clothing. Under the

latter plan, a student will not know when he is shopping, or even when he is getting dressed in the morning, whether a particular outfit or accessory is acceptable. An item that is okay one day might be banned the next.

Among the items reportedly being targeted are LA Raiders caps, web belts, baggy pants, and black athletic shoes.

School authorities claim that they are targeting gang apparel—and that, since gang apparel differs from district-to-district and can change overnight, they need "flexibility" to make the ban successful.

Nobody would argue that gang-related activities are not a serious problem, in our schools and in society at large. But there is no evidence, so far as I know, that banning gang apparel will eliminate or reduce gang-related activities. It would, indeed, be incredible if this were true. White-collar

crime is also a serious problem in Orange County, but I doubt if anybody would argue that banning three-piece pin-striped suits would help to alleviate the problem.

Even if banning gang apparel would eliminate gang activity, however, the cost would be too high. Past experience shows that school administrators will sometimes use dress codes to enforce their own tastes or even to hassle students they don't like. Until school administrators are able to overcome their human frailties, Lord Acton's claim that power corrupts will apply to them too.

The freedom of public school students to dress as they please may seem a matter of small moment. But freedom is rarely lost all-at-once. A little bit is lost here, a little bit there, this person's or that's, and always with a good excuse, until all of us have lost our most precious heritage.

## Don't let stress get you down

By Audre Soifer  
el Don Staff Writer

Are you kidding? You want this project completed and on your desk by Monday morning? Give me a break. It will take me twice as long just to finalize a workable draft.

Stress is a terrible thing. It can put you in a hospital and, if not checked, can kill you.

All of us face stress every day. The traffic coming to and going home from school is enough to drive most of us crazy. You are tired in the morning from completing this project and you have to deal with the nuts on the road who also had a wonderful yesterday and want to take it out on you.

I can only tell you something I learned a long time ago. Not long enough ago that I can say my entire life has been stress free, but long enough ago that I am making a concerted effort to live the rest of my life without gigantic headaches.

Someone once told me that you can't do a darn thing about the

stress in your life. You can't do a thing about the nuts on the road and the stress they give you. You can't do anything about the everyday stress of just getting up in the morning and facing the new day. You can't do anything about your teacher or boss or family member yelling at you either.

You can, however, do something about the way you handle that stress.

You have control over how you deal with the stress dealt to you on a daily basis. You can let it eat at you and make you physically as well as psychologically ill. Or, you can take matters into your own hands, take control of your life and channel your stress.

You really should learn to deal with your stress in a positive way for your own mental and physical health.

I deal with the stress in my life in different ways.

I take long and brisk walks, usually with a group of friends because we talk about fun things. I sometimes walk alone. It depends

on how much I really need the diversion.

Sometimes I deal with stress by giving myself a half hour to get angry, really angry, and then I don't think about it for the rest of the day. This way I can get on with the rest of my life and not let the stressful incident disrupt my entire day.

For me, this is the best way to deal with stress. I get it off my chest by confronting my feelings and then put the feelings away somewhere so I can carry on.

I don't know what works for you, but as long as I deal with it, somehow the stress in my life is put into perspective and I can tackle the next item on my agenda.

Try doing something constructive with the stress that you feel. Take up a hobby or a sport or even do some charity work. Do something, anything, but be sure you take charge of your life and the stress at hand by dealing with it. Believe me, it'll help!



## COLUMN

## Lighter side of the news

By William Stewart Thomblison  
el Don Editorial & Opinion Editor

## Back in the USSR

Marx believed that the transition from a bourgeois to a socialist economy could only be accomplished by a violent overthrow of the bourgeois, for the capitalists would not peacefully surrender the reins of power. Apparently, capitalists aren't the only ones who do not like to give up power.

The Soviet coup was a much greater threat to President Bush's New World Order than the suppression of democratic forces in China was. In China, they only killed students, but in the Soviet Union they unseated a president.

President Bush says that the Soviet coup was unconstitutional. Yet, ironically, it would be perfectly constitutional here. Under the provisions of the 25th Amendment, the Vice President becomes the Acting President if the Vice President and the majority of the Cabinet declare the President to be unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Of course, it won't happen here, because, unlike Gorbachev, Bush isn't about to institute any democratic reforms.

Under the provisions of the 25th Amendment, a deposed President resumes his powers and duties if he tells the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate that he is okay; but if the Vice President and a majority of the cabinet still say that he isn't, Congress has to decide. If it did happen here, could they cite Bush's appoint of Quayle as evidence of his incompetence?

The junta wanted to keep Gorbachev from signing the Union treaty, fearing the it would give the republics too much power. Now the republics won't sign the treaty, believing that they already have more power than it would grant.

It used to be that the chairman of the Communist Party held the real reins of power in the USSR, while the president was little more than a figure-head. Before the coup, Gorbachev shifted much of the chairman's power to the president. After his triumphal return, he resigned from the chairmanship, which is now a position of little consequence. Now he is threatening to resign from the presidency, too, for, it may soon be a position of as little consequence as the chairmanship. If he wants to remain a powerful figure in Soviet politics, he may have to run for the presidency of the Russian-Ukrainian confederation. The question is, can he beat Yeltsin?



## Students get joy 'sticking it' to competition

Nintendo campus challenge turns video games goof-offs into scholarship winners at the touch of a button

(CPS) - Goofing off sometimes has definite advantages. Ask Duane Olenius.

Olenius, a junior, took a small detour from studying and wound up as Mankato State University's winner in the Nintendo Campus Challenge that's currently crisscrossing the country.

Now he's headed for Disney World this January with a shot at a new and scholarship money rang-

ing from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

His combined scores on Super Mario Bros. 3, Dr. Mario, and Pinbot topped those of 2,000 challengers and won him the trip to the finals in Orlando, Fla.

"I didn't even know they had things like this," Olenius said. "I play video games a couple of times a week. (The Challenge) was on campus, I walked by, my brother was there, he said, 'Hey, come try this.' I outdid myself by a lot."

Like by a million points or so. He hit 1.8 million to win the title. "I'm getting a little mileage out of that," he says.

That left one challenger, 19-year-old Kim Sandmeyer, who won the females' championship. Olenius, 20, and Sandmeyer squared off and he squashed her by a few thousand

points.

No big deal. It's just that she happens to be dating Olenius.

Says Sandmeyer, "When he and I were the only ones left, I said, 'Well, yeah, one of us is going to Disney World.' Was she trying to give Olenius a hint? 'Yep,' she sighs.

Olenius admits the win hurt his love life a little, but that's part of the price. "No slack for anyone," he declares. "I'll be ready come January."

The challenge toured campuses in the western United States last spring, while colleges in the eastern part of the country are participating this fall. Any student with a valid I.D. from the college where the Campus Challenge is being held can take part.

## Environmental guide will assist colleges in cleaning up their act

(CPS) — If you're interested in saving the Earth, you can start by saving your campus. So says the first environmental guidebook ever written by students for students.

"The Student Environmental Action Guide" will be published in September by the Student Environmental Coalition (SEAC), the largest student environmental group in the country.

The 96-page book, packed with practical "how to" information, lists resources and tips like how to give an 'eco party' (bring your own cup), draws on research of environmentalists across the country, including members of the National Resources Council, Greenpeace and the Environmental Defense Fund.

The pocket-sized guide, printed on recycled paper, also contains

stories about successful environmental efforts on the nation's campuses.

The environment, according to the American Council on Education, is the number one issue among incoming college freshmen. SEAC, founded in 1988, is the largest student environmental organization in the country, with members in 1,500 campuses in 50 states.

The guide will be published by Earth Works Press in Berkeley, Calif., the publishing arm of Earth Works Group, an organization of writers involved in environmental activism. Another publication by Earth Works Press, 50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth, was among 1990's top best sellers in college bookstores.

## BUDGET:

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paying more money when we are getting less?"

According to the California Post-secondary Education Commission, the fee increase at UC and Cal State schools could force about 12,900 students statewide to attend less expensive schools or to leave school all together.

The influx of students from the Cal State System into the already overcrowded community colleges is causing them to burst at the seams. Though the funding for the community colleges wasn't cut, it is not keeping up with the expected 5 percent enrollment growth and other expenses. As a result classes are being dropped, and the ones that remain are flooded with students.

To cope with the lack of funds, RSC has cut --- of its credit-non-credit program and is fully utilizing the Orange campus. This has allowed RSC to offer 2 percent more classes than last year compensating for the 11 percent increase in enrollment.

Even with the added classes students are still finding it difficult to enroll in classes, especially required general education courses. "All of my speech classes are completely full even the ones that are not required", says Tom Brucks a speech instructor at RSC.

The average student already takes five years to obtain an undergraduate degree. These added barriers could possibly extend it to six years.

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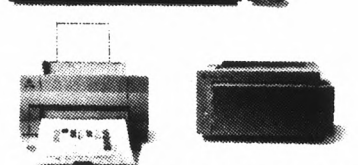
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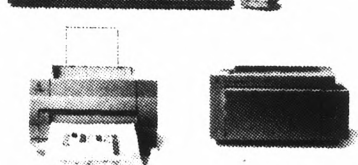


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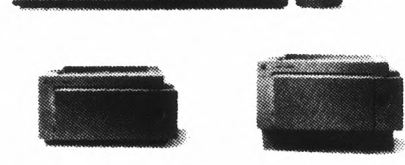


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## THEY SAID IT...

"I'm out here, 39 years-old, busting my butt and you're going to make calls like that..."

-Jimmy Connors, to the U.S. Open court judge in his semi-final match which fell on his 39th birthday

## IT'S A FACT

Mike Powell's new long jump record of 29' 4 1/2" is the equivalent of jumping half the distance between the pitcher's mound to home plate or leaping the entire distance of a first down.

### Paul Hughes

## Odds favor Crayton's success

Estrus Crayton was a two-time, first team, All-American running back at RSC. He is considered by many, including present and former coaches, to be at or near the second position on the tailback depth chart at the University of Southern California. He will be the first round pick and starting running back for...the team smart enough to get him in about two years.

The first two statements? A matter of record. The third? Speculation? Maybe. Too early to tell? Perhaps. Out of the question? Not at all. Prophetic? Very likely.

First the facts, then a little more gambling.

Crayton gained 2,452 yards to become the Dons' all-time leading rusher. His 4,062 all-purpose yards (rushing/receiving/kick-return) is also tops at RSC, and the second highest total in California state history. He was, according to Dons' head coach Dave Ogas, "the most heavily recruited player" he has seen in fifteen years.

Dale Ruhe, RSC's sports information director, said Crayton worked his way into transferring to USC, a school that historically has produced some of the game's premier running backs.

"Estrus had no problem" with the academic requirements of a four-year university. At RSC he was required to take and pass 12 units per semester. NCAA athlete regulations mandate a minimum SAT score of 700; no problem for Crayton.

Estrus seems to be fitting right into USC's plans, even if those plans were formulated in the last three or four weeks. "He missed all of spring ball (with the USC team)," says Ogas, "because he was still going to school here. But a month ago he had a great scrimmage."

Tim Tessalon, sports information director at USC, concurs, "the first time he touched the ball he had a 65-yd run. He's an impressive player and we have some big plans for him. He'll see a lot of playing time."

Ogas believes that Crayton will add a "different dimension" to the run-oriented USC program. "Estrus is not a power runner," he says, "but he has speed and can catch the football well. It's his quickness and his hands -- he's got as good a pair of hands as any wide receiver. He can break a game open."

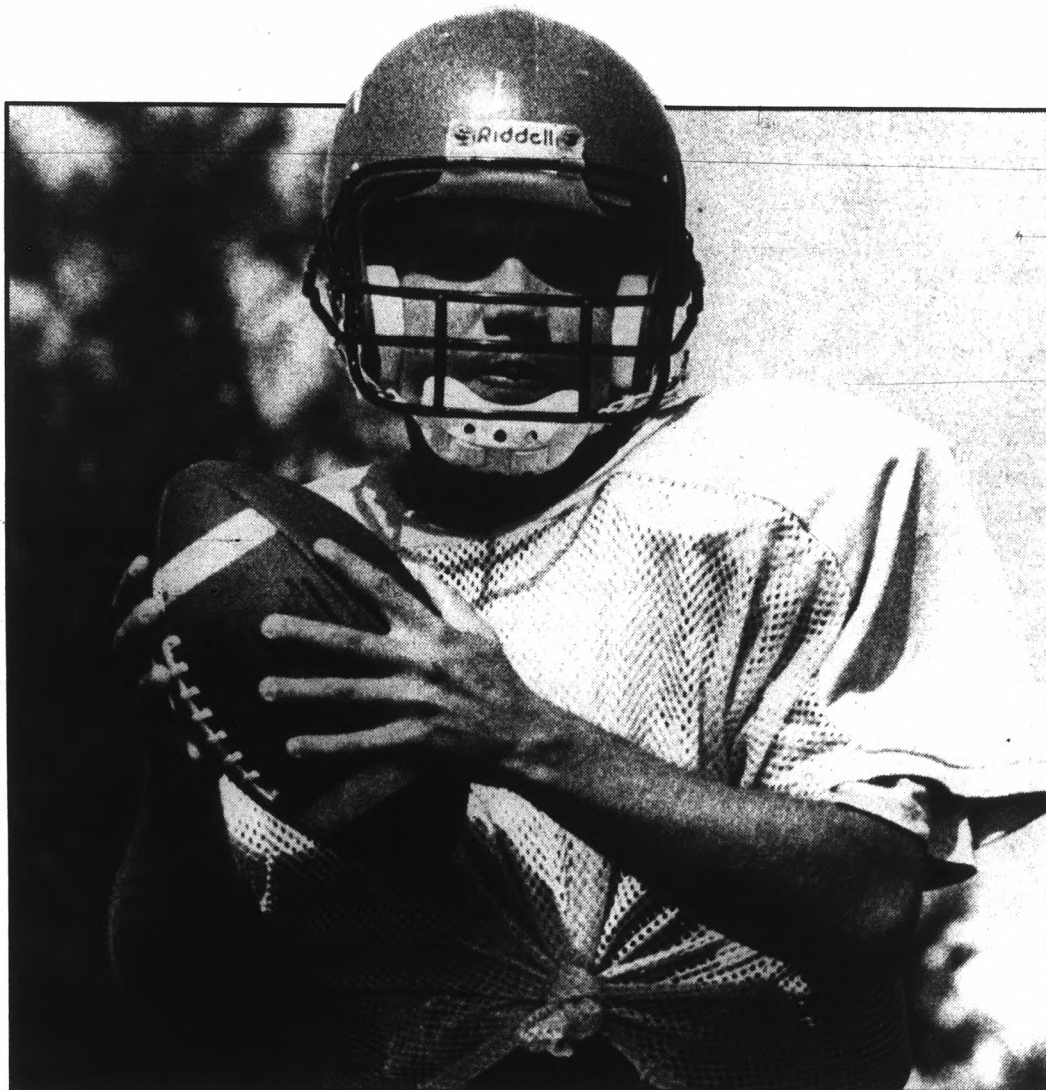
USC had planned to "redshirt" Crayton, which would have limited his playing time, but give him a chance to learn the USC offense and add a little size (Estrus weighs only 185 pounds, considered small for an NCAA running back). But it looks like Crayton had some ideas of his own: he went to Los Angeles to play. By all accounts, this is exactly what he will be doing.

### PROFILE

DON QB RICH FANTI IS...

## SCANNING HIS OPTIONS

ON AND OFF THE FIELD



Claudia Saucedo/ el Don Photo

**VETERAN OUTLOOK-** QB Rich Fanti will be at the helm of the Don's offense for his second consecutive year.

By Paul D. Hughes  
el Don Staff Writer

Head Coach Dave Ogas lists second-year Quarterback Rich Fanti's accomplishments like he's checking a shopping list -- after having found everything he wanted in about six minutes.

Ogas begins the list with Fanti's 66 percent completion rate last year (a school record), adds the fact that he started all ten games last season and is expected to start all ten this year... he runs the 40-yd dash in 4.7 seconds...he's got a great arm and a good knowledge of the game.

However, the list doesn't stop with Fanti's accomplishments on the field. His grade point average ranges between 3.4 and 3.6 in tough classes...wants to go into public relations after college...trying to earn a university scholarship..."basic study skills...paid off," he says.

Okay. A tremendous athletic and academic record. But what's he like off the field?

According to Ogas, "(Fanti's) great to

### Career Notes...

- **66 percent completion rate last year, setting a school record**
- **Passed for 1648 yds. and 14 TDs last year (5th in the conf.)**
- **Runs a 4.7 40yds.**

have around our team (he) has the positive mental attitude to do the job...poise and excellent leadership qualities (Fanti's) a leader on and off the field."

Fanti began his career as a star quarterback at Santa Ana High, graduating in 1988. He spent some time getting acclimated to college life, then announced to Dons' offensive coordinator Tom Shine, "I am going to be your starting quarterback."

As a freshman he passed for 1,648 yards and fourteen touchdowns. He is the Dons' leading returning rusher with 173 yards and three touchdowns, in one game against Saddleback College passing for over 300 yards. At one point during that game he completed 16 consecutive passes.

"Rich was fifth in the conference last year in passing yardage. He's got the team's second leading receiver from last year coming back and we picked up some good freshman. He's going to throw the ball a lot this year," said Dale Ruhe, RSC's sports information director.

However, Fanti is taking his accomplishments in stride and has managed to maintain a much more down to earth attitude than many other college athletes about his past achievements and about his goals for the future.

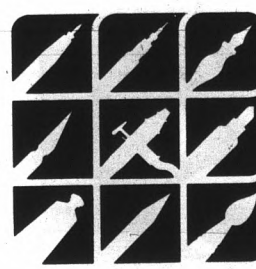
"I'm eventually working toward an Master's in communications, as well as a business degree," he said. "Education is definitely my main goal."

Fanti hasn't made any definite plans on where he will be transferring but he says he will weigh both the athletic and academic aspects of any school he considers.

The Dons, lead by Fanti will make their home debut Saturday September 21 against San Diego Mesa at Eddie West Field.



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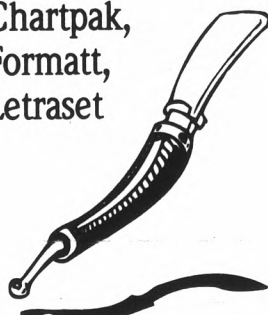


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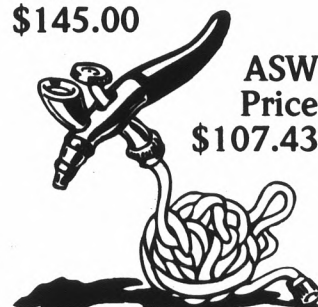


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